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SUBJ: U.S.-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION: PROPOSED AGENDA

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1. REFTEL CONTAINS A NUMBER OF USEFUL AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING OF U.S-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION IN TUNIS. WE BELIEVE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR US TO GIVE TUNISIANS A PROPOSED AGENDA. MINISTER OF PLAN ZAAOUNI HAD PROMISED TUNISIAN AGENDA PROPOSALS BY AUGUST 1, BUT WITH COMBAINTION OF RAMADAN, VACATIONS AND VARIOUS GOT VACANCIES, WE ARE NOT SURPRISED TO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED TUNISIAN PROPOSALS. BELIEVE BEST WAY OF ELICITING PROPOSALS AND GETTING PLANNING PROCESS MOVING IS TO SUBMIT OUR OWN PROPOSED AGENDA. RIOR TO PAST JC MEETINGS, WE HAVE FOUND THIS BEST WAY OF STIMULATING GOT ACTIVITY.

2. BUILDING A SATISFACTORY AGENDA REQUIRES SOME GIVE AND TAKE, AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT IT IS BEST TO SUBMIT A VERY SIMPLE DOCUMENT FOR OPENERS. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT FOR  
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THIS YEAR'S JC MEETING WE CONTINUE TO MAKE USE OF TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS, ONE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT. THIS HAS BEEN USEFUL DEVICE IN THE PAST FOR AVOIDING JC PROCEEDINGS THAT ARE ENTIRELY DOMINATED BY DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE. WE WALSO BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO EXPAND OUR DISCUSSIONS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, WHICH AT PAST

JC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO A SINGLE PRESENTATION.

3. IN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AREA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO BEGIN DISCUSSING WAYS OF INCREASING EXCHANGES INVOLVING ENGLISH TEACHING AND GRADUATE TRAINING. WE WILL ALSO WANT TO EXPLORE WAYS OF KEEPING SOME OF OUR BETTER SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROJECTS ALIVE AFTER FUNDING HAS ENDED (SUCH AS CARTHAGE EXCAVATIONS AND DESERT BIOME PROJECT).

4. WE BELIEVE UNDERLYING THEME OF JC MEETING MAY WELL PROVE TO BE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND WE SHOULD STRIVE TO ACHIEVE, USING JC AS ONE VEHICLE, A BETTER INTEGRATION OF U.S. ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. (AID, PEACE CORPS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, TRADE MISSIONS, AGRI-BUSINESS ETC)

5. WITH THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND, WE WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

I. SUBCOMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. U.S. ASSISTANCE TO TUNISIAN FIFTH PLAN

(1) REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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(2) GOALS, ISSUES AND NEW DIRECTIONS FOR REMAINDER OF PLAN

B. PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

(1) CENTRAL TUNISIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(A) AN OVERVIEW

(B) SPECIFIC PROJECTS

--AREA DEVELOPMENT

--POTABLE WATER

--SMALL HOLDER IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT

--DRYLAND FARMING SYSTEMS RESEARCH

(2) OTHER AID PROJECTS

(A) RURAL HEALTH CARE

(B) AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

(C) AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

(D) FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

(3) OTHER (NUTRITION, PRE-SCHOOL FEEDING, POTABLE WATER, ETC)

(3) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(A) REVIEW OF PHASE I

(B) U.S. PROPOSALS FOR PHASE II

(4) PL 480, TITLES I AND II

(5) HOUSING INVESTMENT GUARANTY  
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(6) PEACE CORPS

(7) PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND VOLUTARY ORGANIZATIONS

II. SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

A. TRADE

(1) U.S.- TUNISIAN TRADE

(2) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

(3) TEXTILE SITUATION AND EC BACKGROUND

(4) TUNISIAN COMMERCIAL POLICY

(5) TRADE MISSIONS AND SEMINARS

(6) EXIMBANK FINANCING

B. INVESTMENT

(1) FIFTH PLAN AND U.S. INVESTMENT

(2) OPIC FACILITIES

(3) AGRIBUSINESS

(4) MISKAR PROJECT

(5) TUNISIAN INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND TUNISIAN LEGISLATION

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(6) US-TUNISIAN TAX TREATY

III. DISCUSSION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

A. THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

B. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC, NATURAL AND RECREATIONAL SITES

C. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

(1) TRAVEL AND RESEARCH

(2) INSTITUTIONAL TIES

(3) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT'S  
CONCURRENCE IN SUBMITTING ABOVE AGENDA TO GOT, WITH ANY  
SUGGESTED WASHINGTON CHANGES, AT AN EARLY DATE.  
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